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Remarks

The final Office action mailed November 26, 2008, has been reviewed and carefully considered. Allowance of claims 38-43 is gratefully acknowledged. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 4 and 32. The amendment to claim 1 should be entered since the amendment to claim 1 simply includes already claimed subject matter and thus should not raise any new issues. Claim 41 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis in view of the amendment to claim 1. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 32-37 have also been canceled only for purposes of simplification of the issues. Entry of these amendments, which do not raise any new issues, is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 112 Rejections

The 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections have been rendered moot.

Objection to claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-15 and 32-33

As suggested by the examiner, R¹ now only recites azido. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to specify that R² is a saturated carbon chain containing 5 to 20 carbon atoms, and L is O. Accordingly, claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 14 should also be allowed.

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Qazi is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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